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IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED)
MOTION OF GTE NORTH INCORPORATED)
AND CONTEL OF THE SOUTH, INC., FOR)
THE PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL)
AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION IN)
SCHEDULE G-5 OF THEIR ANNUAL)
REPORT FILED WITH THE COMMISSION)

CAUSE NO. 41733

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INDIANA UTILITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION

You are hereby notified that on this date the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

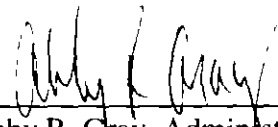
On May 3, 2000 pursuant to 170 I.A.C. 1-1-11 (now 1-1.1-4), GTE North now known as Verizon ("Verizon") or ("Petitioner") filed a *Request for Confidential Treatment of Information* in this Cause. In its Request, the Petitioner indicates that certain information that it intends to submit in this matter, contains trade secrets ("Confidential Information") as that term is defined under Indiana Code 24-2-3-2. Information containing trade secrets is excepted from public disclosure under Indiana Code 5-14-3-4(a)(4).

170 I.A.C. 1-1.1-4 governs the submission of confidential or privileged information to the Commission, and requires the applicant to apply for a finding by the Commission that the information is confidential. The application must be accompanied by the sworn statement or testimony of a party that describes: 1) the nature of the confidential information; 2) the reasons why the information should be treated as confidential pursuant to I.C. 8-1-2-29 and I.C. 5-14-3; and, 3) the efforts the party has made to maintain the confidentiality of the information.

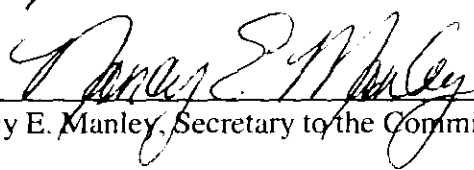
A noticed hearing was held in this Cause on March 21, 2001. On March 31, 2004, Petitioner filed, in response to a docket entry, a letter indicating that it continues to seek confidential treatment of the information.

The Presiding Officer, having considered the evidence presented finds there is sufficient basis for determination that the Confidential Information should be held as confidential by the Commission and given confidential treatment on a going forward basis and excepted from public disclosure in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-3.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Abby R. Gray, Administrative Law Judge


Date


Nancy E. Manley, Secretary to the Commission